



# City of Seattle

Gregory J. Nickels, Mayor

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## **Fleets and Facilities Department**

Brenda Bauer, Director

### **MEMORANDUM**

Date: July 18, 2006

To: Mayor's Office  
Chief Gregory Dean, Seattle Fire Department  
Brenda Bauer, Director, Fleets and Facilities  
FFD / SFD Fire Facilities Levy Working Group  
Fire Facilities Levy Client Group  
Fire Facilities Levy Oversight Committee  
Fire Facilities Implementation Team

From: Dove Alberg, FFD Capital Programs Director

Subject: June Report for the Fire Facilities and Emergency Response Levy Program

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#### Land Acquisition

Fleets and Facilities land acquisition staff have continued to evaluate sites for a new Fire Station 6 location. Discussions have continued between City staff and the City Council on the siting of Fire Station 20, and the public hearing is set for July 21. An appraisal update for one of the parcels for the new Fire Station 37 site continued, in preparation for reopening negotiations.

#### Fire Station 10 Project

Hoffman Construction completed the enhanced Yesler Way retaining wall to the level of the existing grade. The tie-backs have been tensioned and all passed the required load tests. Work is underway to place lagging as the earth along the wall is excavated to the grade at 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The foundation walls are being placed and soil has been excavated for the large on-site detention vault in the southwest corner of the site. The work is proceeding well. Final bid packages for exterior and interior construction and concrete site work will be opened and awarded in July.

#### Joint Training Facility

The project team is currently working with regulatory agencies to obtain final acceptance of the conceptual mitigation plan. Conceptual design of the water recycling system for fire training is complete and final design is underway. The Seattle Fire Department (SFD) and Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) are using the facility for limited training in accordance with our agreement with the Corps of Engineers. Operational Best Management Practices training will be scheduled for July to ensure compliance with environmental requirements.

### Emergency Caches

The project was re-bid, and staff are reviewing information on the bidders. Assembly of the shelter kits is almost completed. Seattle Public Utilities has finished drilling for soil testing at the Sunny Jim and Westbridge sites and has completed their draft soils report. The Department of Planning and Development has completed pre-application visits.

### Small Fireboat

Construction was completed in June, and the boat was prepared for cross-country travel. The welcome event for the boat is scheduled for July 15.

### Large Fireboat

The hull modules have been welded together and the command center module mounted on the hull. Work on the rest of the superstructure continues. The pilothouse has been painted, windows have been installed, and interior outfitting is proceeding. Engines and fire fighting system pumps and monitors have been received by the shipyard. Construction is 50% complete.

### Neighborhood Station Program (Fire Stations 2, 17, 28, and 31)

Architectural and engineering design service contracts for Fire Stations 17, 28, and 31 have been finalized, preliminary master project schedules have been drafted, and the contract for Fire Station 2 is in negotiations. Project kick-off meetings with Fire Department representatives and project design teams for Fire Stations 17, 28, and 31 have been scheduled for July.

### Work with Other Departments

The Parks Department successfully completed negotiations with the Seattle School District so that in the next few weeks the last of the six generators in the Emergency Power Supply Project can be installed at the Rainier Beach Community Center.

Fleets and Facilities and School District staff finalized the location of the Magnolia emergency cache shed at Catherine Blaine Elementary School.

Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) has finished the final draft of the Memorandum of Agreement between the Fire Department and SPU on use, access, and maintenance of the hardened hydrants and drafting ports and will send it to the Fire Department for review.

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